(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) A proposal to declare Kakinada-Pondicherry stretch of canals consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commannur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank along with Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry stretch of River Godavari and Wazirabad-Vijayawada stretch of River Krishna (1095 Kms.) as a National Waterway is under consideration of the Government of India. This includes 907 Kms stretch in Andhra Pradesh, 186 Kms stretch in Tamilnadu and remaining 2 Kms stretch in Puducherry. The Bill for the declaration of afore mentioned waterways as a national waterway has already been introduced in the Parliament. It has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, a proposal for survey and techno-economic feasibility study for development of IWT in the State of Andhra Pradesh had been sanctioned by Department of Shipping at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh (list of waterways covered in this proposal is enclosed as Statement (*See* below) and entire Central share of Rs. 67.50 lakh has been released to the State by Department of Shipping upto 31.03.2007 against this project. The State Government is carrying out the study through a consultant.

Statement

List of waterways covered in the CSS proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh

(i)	Backwaters of River Gowtami Godavari	50km
(ii)	Gannavaram Bank canal (Rajahmundry to Sakinetipalli)	90km
(iii)	Amalapuram canal (Rahahmundry to Amalapuram)	80km
(iv)	Kotipalli Bank canal (Rajahmundry to Yanam)	90km
(v)	Samalkota canal (Rajahmundry to Kakinada)	65km
(vi)	Korangi canal (Rahahmundry to Kakinada)	90km
(vii)	Machilipatnam canal (Vijayawada to Machilipatnam)	80km
(viii)	Ryves canal (Vijayawada to Kaikaluru)	100 km

Contractors on non-performing list

555. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) the number and names of Indian and foreign contractors put on the "non-performing" list by NHAI since August, 2004 debarring them from doing any project or contracts with NHAI anywhere in the country; and

(b) the parameters to judge a contractor becoming a non-performing contractor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The names and

addresses of nine Indian and eight foreign contractors put on the "non-performing" list are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) The parameters fixed for judging a non-performing contractor are as under:-

(i) Slow progress.

(ii) Delayed completion.

(iii) Poor performance of the contractor in multiple contract packages, and

(iv) Joint and several liability of Joint Venture partners.

Statement

Name of The Non-performing Indian and Foreign Firms

Indian Firms

1. Ashwani Construction Company,
B-3/58, 3rd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi- 110029.

2. Afcons Infrastructure Ltd.
Veera Desai Road, P.B. No. 11979, Andheri (W), Mumbai-400 053.

3. A.L. Sudershan Construction Co. Ltd.
6-3-249/3/2/1, 1st Floor, Naveen Nagar Colony, Road No. 1,
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500 034.

4. APIL (Subsidiary of Afcons Infrastructure Ltd.)
AFCONS-APIL (JV)
Veera Desai Road, P.B. No. 11979, Andheri (W), Mumbai-400 053.

5. Bhageeratha Engineering Ltd.
B-3/58, 3rd Floor, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi- 110 029.

6. DD Builders Ltd.
9, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar (Orissa).

7. M/s. Essar Group,
Esssar House, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai-34.

8. Lanco Construction,
C-10, Ashoka Tower, Community Centre, Janakpuri, New Delhi-l 10 058.

9. Rani Construction,
C-10, Ashoka Tower, Community Centre, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110 058.

Foreign Firms

1. Bhumihighway
Venture Berhad (400463-M), No. 35 Jalan SG 3/1, TMN SERI Gombak,
68100 Batu Caves, Selangor-Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

2. Centrodostroy, Russia
19, Kuznetsky Most, Moscow-107031 (Russia).

3. China Coal Construction Group Corpn.
21, Hepingli North Street, Dongcheng Distt., Beijing,
China.

4. Dolomite Industries Co. Sdb. Bhd.
11 ¾ Mile, Sg. Serai, 4300 Ulu Langat, P.O. Box 6,43207
Batu 9 Cheras, Selangor Darul Ehsanm, Malaysia.

5. PATI-SDN-BHD
3rd Floor, NO. 38 Jalan Dang Wangi, 5100 Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia.

6. Sticco
P.O. Box-10484, Riyadh-11433,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

7. UEM Builders (6551-K)
17th Floor, Menara 2, Faber Towers, Jalan Desa Bahagia,
Taman Desa, Off Jalan Klang Lama 58100, Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia.

8. You-One Engineering Construction Co. Limited
75-95 Sposomun-Dong, Chung-gu, Seoul
(Koria) - 100110.

New bridge to connect Wellington Island

556. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the competent authority of Cochin Port Trust is associated/aware of the constructions of new bridge in place of the present Venduruthy bridge, connecting Wellington Island with mainland, which had been partially damaged by collision of a dredger;

(b) if so, whether Cochin Port Trust assured financial assistance to the above project;

(c) if so, the details including the financial assistance assured and the status of above assurance; and

(d) the present status of construction of the above bridge?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Cochin Port Trust is aware of the commencement of construction of new bridge by the Government of Kerala in place of present Venduruthy Bridge connecting Wellington Island with mainland, which had been partially damaged by collision of a dredger. Cochin Port Trust has informed that it has not assured any financial assistance to the above project and no financial assistance has been extended by it. The information on status of construction of above bridge is being obtained from the Government of Kerala.